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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

"I love autumn, the one season of the year that God seems to put there just for the beauty of it." - Lee Maynard

I love the autumn season too. It's my favorite time of year. This year we are so fortunate to have our Fall Council in Helen, Ga at the Unicoi State Park & Lodge. I look forward to seeing as many Pilots as can attend there on October 6-7, 2023. The Fall Council Committee has worked hard planning our time together. You can look forward to the "Fall Flannel Fling", an exciting Welcome Party planned for Friday night. Then several informative presentations and Special Guest Speaker, Shawnette Good with Joshua's Voice is scheduled on Saturday. Some requested free time is planned into the schedule for renewing old friendships, making new ones and enjoying the local attractions in the alpine style village of Helen! Plan to wear your Pilot shirts with casual wear for the day and casual wear for our fun filled evening. We want to display our **Pilot Spirit** throughout Helen. The Second Call to Fall Council is attached. Get your registration in and reservations made.

I have enjoyed reading your Plans of Work. We have a district of Pilots that are very busy. Remember you do not have to be large in number to have a successful service project. Please continue to share your photos and articles of service projects and fundraisers to our Editor, Kirsten Jorgenson so your successes can be show cased on our Facebook page – "GA District Pilot" and in the Governors bulletin. Invitations to your service projects and fundraisers are always welcome. I can't attend every event, but I would love to attend as many as possible.

Congratulations to the club members that are already actively working on our One Matters Initiative. Georgia District is growing one member at a time. A new member means new ideas!

Please keep our Pilots, Co-Pilots and residents of Maui in your thoughts and prayers. If you can, please consider donating to Pilot International Safe Harbor Fund earmarked for Maui Food Bank after the tragic wild fires that destroyed beautiful Lahaina, Maui.

Thank you, Pilots for Serving with a Passion!

## Avaline







Governor Avaline at Sea Island enjoying time spent with last year's Pilot Officers. A cute alligator came to visit us!!!







Georgia District, Pilot International 2023-24 Memorial Forms need to go to:

> Avaline Adams GA District Governor aadamsgeorgia.pilot@gmail.com

> > JoAnn Akers Inspirational Leader akersjoann@gmail.com

Lt. Governor (for your region)

Pilots, a <u>Praise & Prayer</u> email board is being set up. So please let JoAnn know of any requests that either you or a fellow Pilot might have as together we can pray and or rejoice to lift each other up.

If you would like to be included in receiving those emails, send your email address to <a href="mailto:akersjoann@gmail.com">akersjoann@gmail.com</a>.



In Loving Remembrance! The Georgia District extends our deepest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.

Pilot	Club	
Lomane Banning	Allalila	
(1995-96 AL Past Governor)		

Pilot/Family	Club
Deborah Wilson (Husband)	Carrollton
Lorrie Rusgrove (Husband)	Oconee Co.
Cheryl Meadows (Husband)	Cuthhert



**Past Governors** 

Bernyce Stickle (1986-1987) September 12

Helen Winstead (2005-2006)

September 14

Fran Hartley (1998-1999) September 21

**Governor-Elect** 

Maureen Stoy September 10





## **MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT**

Nature is calling you!! The mountains are beckoning you to visit the calm and serene setting of Unicoi State Park. Fall Council has found the perfect place to relax and enjoy friendships, as well as a place to learn more about being a Pilot. Bring the family and enjoy the many activities at the park or leave them at home and relax in the solitude.

The Friday night Welcome Party will greet everyone in buffalo print or flannel to partake in the Fall Flannel Fling! Casual is the name of the game and mountain games will be plentiful. The DAC/DEC will begin the dancing with a special tribute to our Emeritus members that may not be able to join us. Mountain punch and Alpine desserts will be there for snacks.

Saturday will be a day of learning, beneficial presentations, a silent auction, and Marketplace delights. Be motivated by our speakers. Connect with fellow Pilots and share ideas.

For those looking for activities not available at the Lodge, visit the little Alpine Village of Helen. I like to just open the windows and listen to the music when driving down the main street. Oktoberfest will be in full swing and people will be everywhere enjoying the fall festivities. And we Pilots will have some hours off in the afternoon to enjoy the action! Shuttles will be available to take you on a short 5-minute ride to Helen to shop, tube down the river, or just listen to music. Return to the Lodge for a fantastic mountain supper, entertainment, and a live auction.

It will be a weekend to remember as the hills fill your hearts with the sound of music and the leaves fall gracefully to give beauty to the soul.

Maureen
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## **GA PILOT FOUNDATION (GPF)**

Hello Pilots! I hope everyone is having a great Pilot year so far, as we are "Pilots serving with a Passion". I would like to ask each Pilot to think about Georgia Pilot Foundation (GPF). What is Georgia Pilot Foundation? The Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable foundation, which currently provides post-secondary education scholarships to Georgia District Anchor Club members and to other senior high school community volunteers. The Contribution forms and Scholarship applications can be found on the Georgia Pilot website under Georgia Pilot Foundation. The scholarship applications have been updated. Please make sure Pilots who are working with Anchors and Guidance offices are aware of the scholarships we have available.

Genia and I are looking forward to seeing you at Fall Council!! We have great news and surprises for the New Year! Please visit us at the Marketplace table for raffle tickets and information for you to take back to your club. We will also be presenting at the morning workshop.

We will have exciting details and looking forward to a successful year with being able to award more scholarships than last year! If you would like information about Georgia Pilot Foundation after Fall Council, please let Genia or I know how we can help! We always value the passion and support of Georgia Pilot Foundation Scholarship program.

See you at Fall Council,

Karen

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## **PROJECTS**

Hello Pilots and welcome to Fall.....well we're going to wish we were experiencing Fall weather. Here in South Georgia we're smack dab in the middle of Hurricane Season, but we're going to pause and think about projects!

Now is the time to start planning for a project during World Kindness Week November 13-19, 2023. Many clubs may seek a proclamation from their local government honoring your Club's participation in honoring your activities. There are proclamation templates available online that you can use and send to your local municipality.

For ideas of projects you can plan for this specific week think about Pick-Me-Ups! They are a great way to show folks in your communities how much we care about others. Some ideas include:

- Volunteer to sit in for a caregiver so that they can go shopping, get a mani-pedi, etc. or do some chores like mowing the lawn, doing some house cleaning, etc.
- Make bags filled with snacks & small toiletries for your transient community.
- Set up a light breakfast, lunch or snack table for your local Sheriff's, Police Dept or Fire Dept.
- Fill bags with candies, pens, note pads, etc. for Nursing Home Staff.
- Set up a snack table for Staff at a School.

Any of these ideas is a great way to honor those in your community with a little kindness. Be sure to send us your photos for the newsletter!

Lori

Lori Hull District Projects Coordinator Ihull@glynncounty.ga.gov





#### **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

#### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

While preparing for the NE Region workshop for Presidents and Presidents elect, some of the information concerning parliamentary procedure was deemed appropriate for ALL members.

While it is the duty of the elected officers to bring the business of the club to the members, it is the members who must listen and consider all information before voting for the best option for their particular club.

We are often somewhat more relaxed at meetings than in the past, but it is still important that we follow the rules of parliamentary procedure. This will ensure that ALL members have a part in the decisions within the local club. Therefore, when moving a motion, making a second and discussing, please remember to stand and speak distinctly in order that all members can hear.

As members of Pilot International as well as Georgia District and the local club, it is important to be informed at all levels of Pilot. Go to the web sites often in order to keep abreast of new information. The Georgia District web site is <a href="www.pilotgeorgia.org">www.pilotgeorgia.org</a> and can be accessed without a password. Pilot International has a new web site which is <a href="https://pilotinternational.org">https://pilotinternational.org</a> there is ONE password—truecourse. You are also encouraged to sign up for MemberClicks so that you will receive up-to-date information from PI.



Pat Jarvis District Parliamentarian pgjarvis@bellsouth.net







Peachtree Pilot Club awarded the Club Ambassador certificates to their 2 G's...Genia and Glynice. We love and appreciate them both for their dedication to our club and the GA District.





# THE MISSION OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL IS: Pilot International's mission is to

influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### September 1, 2023

Club Budgets & Standing Rules Copy to: Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

#### September 15, 2023

Pick Me Up or Helmet Grant First Quarter deadline 9/15 See ECR's Joseph's article for links.

#### September 20, 2023

Q1 Club Reports
Copy to: Governor, GovernorElect, Region Lt. Governor

#### **September 30, 2023**

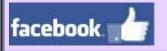
Club Ambassador Minimum donation \$25 Sent to Pilot International

## October 7, 2023



All Forms are on the GA
District Website under Forms
www.pilotgeorgia.org

**REMINDER:** Our District has a Facebook page, so get your members to sign up.







## **OUR GEORGIA ECR**

My Georgia District Pilot Family,

The month of September is usually associated with fall activities, apple picking, and back-to-school season. September is also known for setting goals and moving towards accomplishing those goals.

For Pilots, September is the month for deadlines and goals: PI Ambassador, the Pilot Walk, Fall/Council/Workshop, and Matching Grants.

**PI Ambassador -** During the month of September, which is Founders Fund Month (PIFF Month), the club nominates one or more members, per the guidelines, and presents a PI Ambassador certificate. The Ambassador's name(s), by club and district, is printed in THE PILOT LOG's January/February issue. This can only be done if the deadline is met.

Please note that the due date is **September 30th, 2023**. The minimum amount to be sent to Pilot International is **\$25.00**.

**Pilot Walk** - On October 7th, 2023, Districts are encouraged to host a Pilot Walk. The Pilot Walk is a way to showcase Pilot in your communities and to highlight our Pilot Spirit! Districts/Clubs use the Walk for members to fellowship with each other, have fundraising events, share a meal or healthy treat, and also invite new members to join. Participate in the Pilot Walk on **October 7th**, and remember you too, Matter IN Pilot!

**Fall Council/Workshop** - At the discretion of the District, a Fall Council or Workshop can be held. The Fall Council/Workshop can be used for:

- Training/Workshops.
- Conducting emergency business.
- Fellowship

The sessions take place over one to three days. The District Governor invites members to the meeting sixty days before the meeting. Members can also use this time to share ideas regarding projects and other club activities which may be useful to other clubs.

In addition to the working sessions, a period is usually set aside to allow members to fellowship with others. For additional information on Fall Council/Workshop, please see the link below: https://www.pilotinternational.org/members/smartbook

**Matching Grants** - A Pilot, Anchor, Compass Club, or District can apply for a Matching Grant to assist with project funding. The project can fall into one of the following categories:

- Brain Safety & Health.
- Supporting Those Who Care for Others.
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) Related Projects.

There are three important dates to note when submitting your grant applications:

- October 15th. This is the deadline for submission of the application.
- January 31st. This is when checks and denial notices are sent out to grant applicants.
- October 1st. Grant evaluation forms are due after grants have been approved.

Please note that the District PIFF Representative must sign all applications and all applications must be signed.

For additional information, please check the Pilot International Website using the link below: https://www.pilotinternational.org/members/smartbook

My Dearest Georgia Pilots, you Matter IN Pilot, and you matter to ME!

In Friendship and Service,

Joseph

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#### **FUNDRAISING**

#### Pilot... Passionate for Pushy People in Fundraising...

To thrust forward, to cause increase or raise, to try to move beyond or expand, to push a one's limits. These are all definitions that can be identified with the term pushy. Pilot has many passionate pushy people who are willing to push forward for our cause of supporting brain related disorders, service and awareness within our communities, and friendship.

As we plan and implement fundraising for our clubs this year, one goal is to engage members and potential members who have passion for fundraising. Those who are positive and enthusiastic for this area of service and has ability to think outside of the box. As you design your year, it is recommended that your plans fit your club and club members. Ask for feedback from your committees and involve your membership in the grassroot planning stages. Keep an open mind for change. If people are a part of the planning process, they tend to own the results better. If we love what we do and experience joy in doing it, we will want to do more of it. As Pilots, we certainly understand that not every member can participate in everything we plan to do, as Pilots build very busy plans of work within our communities, however, please be encouraged to invest yourself in some way for the benefit of Pilot.

I'd like to ask that any Pilot Fundraising Chairs and Co-Chairs that have not already done so, email me at <a href="tdalton12967@gmail.com">tdalton12967@gmail.com</a> with your contact information as I am building a contact list. Governor Avaline has asked that we stay in touch on a regular basis, collecting and sharing information that we all may communicate and grow from each other within our GA District. I look forward to these communications.

Fundraising Highlight.... Mental Health Awareness has been named as the Anchor International project for our new year. With this being a focus that is important for all ages, The Pilot and Anchor Clubs of Madison Counties are binding together to host and support a Mental Health Awareness Walk, as a fundraiser, on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 3pm at the Madison County High School Track Field. There is a wealth of community support with businesses, organizations and faith based in this project. Tabling of resources throughout the community will be present during the walk, along with a bouncy house, food, fellowship, etc. I encourage all of our GA District Clubs to look at your options and opportunities to work in conjunction with your Anchors and your communities with Mental Health Awareness fundraisers when and if possible, if you so desire, as it fits beautifully into our Pilot mission. October 1-7, 2023 is Mental Health Awareness Week, October 10, 2023 is World Mental Health Day and May 2024 is Mental Health Awareness Month. Events and focus such as these may also spill into an opportunity for Pilot membership as well. Something worth considering!

May I ask that we bind together as Passionate Pushy People for Pilot in the GA District? Each club has a charge to bring an item suitable for either a silent auction or live auction, both to be held during Fall Council. If any of you have connections or access to a beach, mountain or vacation home, condo, townhouse, etc., that would make an AWESOME live auction item from your club that I am sure will be well sought after and bring in a few additional funds. Please let me know by Saturday, September 30, 2023, what your club will be willing to provide for one of these auctions so that we may be prepared in advance. All proceeds from both auctions will benefit our GA District to offset the ever-growing increases faced.

Passionate for Pilot Fundraising,

Tammy

Tammy Dalton
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# Welcome New Members

#### **New GA District Pilots**

Lori Life (Bainbridge)
Courtney Cavers (Bainbridge)
Patricia Barnett Hale (Classic City)
Braylen Dixon (Atlanta)
Ansley Dixon (Atlanta)
Nancy Williams (Eatonton)
Kristy Schiesser (Covington)
Carol Covington (Chatham Co.)
JoAnn Hagan (Chatham Co.)
Judy James (Chatham Co.)
Frankie Owens (Chatham Co.)





Pilot Club of Toccoa presented Virginia Smith a 50 year certificate and 50 year pin for her service in Pilot. Pictured is Darlene Johnson, Virginia, Claudia McCartney and Ann Hunt, President.



Congratulations to Mary Ann Bell the 2023 Pilot International Ambassador for Pilot Club of Newnan here with PG Nancy Miller

